

The Hiawatha History Commission met on June 12, 2023, at Hiawatha City Hall in Conference Room D with Pat Semelroth as Chair calling the meeting to order at 1:35 P.M. Members present: Pat Semelroth and Marilyn James.

Business:

Marilyn James moved the approval of the agenda, seconded by Pat Semelroth. Motion carried.

Marilyn James moved the approval of the April 10, 2023, seconded by Pat Semelroth. Motion carried.

Interview – Dick Olson and Ben Eby

Interviews were completed and recorded.

Birthday Party Recap

Semelroth said they had 500 items for people to win and they have some items left. Would like to decide what to do at the next meeting with the left-over items, there are about 100 items left.

James said they didn't keep track of people.

Semelroth said it was very well received, the history banner was put up that day and need to thank Rod for putting that up. Need to thank everyone for all the promotions.

James said they need more thank you cards.

Semelroth asked if they can do it all again next year.

James said having it outdoor was a good thing.

History Commission T-Shirts

The group said they got so many compliments and great feedback on the shirts.

Semelroth said they can discuss the shirts again at the next meeting.

James said they could have sold more shirts.

Semelroth said she likes the pre-order option for the shirts.

City Clerk Graber said they can look into different options for the shirts like long sleeve and different colors.

Semelroth said they will start looking into and thinking about the 75th birthday.

Meet with The History Center staff

Semelroth said she met with Jenny on how to preserve their history. Suggested they meet with a curator on how to preserve history. Set up a time with them to discuss, they scan everything and is kept in the cloud. They have multiple people/interns that do it and have climate-controlled area for their physical items as well.

James mentioned they should have one scrapbook with beginning from 1950 to present and not multiple to house, police, fire, etc...

Update the 2023 timeline of Commission Activities

No discussion at this time.

Next meeting is July 10, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

James moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:32 PM, seconded by Semelroth. Motion carried.

Pat Semelroth, Chair